

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen, would you respond.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Crosby brought up a very, very interesting question. There are nine Supreme Court judges at the present time, are there not?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Seven.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Seven. How many of them live in Lincoln?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I think...I think they all do, I think. I'm not sure in terms of where they physically reside. Right.

SENATOR HABERMAN: What is maintaining a legal residence?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, that you keep your legal place of residence similar to what you would do as a State Senator, you're from Imperial, but you could choose to live in Lincoln and still keep your legal residence out in your district, that's where you vote, that's where you...you'll keep your property, keep a home, whatever you want to do, those sorts of things. The difference between that and domicile.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, members of the body, keeping the legal residence is smoke screen. They live in Lincoln. The appellate court judges and their staff and all the people are going to live in Lincoln; Lincoln is going to be the headquarters. Sure, they're going to travel. Sure, they're going to travel, but that's not my point. They're going to do a good job. I'm not saying anything against the appellate court system. The only thing I'm saying is that we're creating another bureaucracy that's going to be headquartered in Lincoln, the money is going to be spent in Lincoln, and the taxpayers are going to have to pay for having the appellate court system when they travel. And he says that they're going to have three judges and they're going to rotate so that nobody becomes angry or doesn't like the judge. We don't do that on the Supreme Court system, they don't rotate. The point I'm trying to make, we're creating a new bureaucracy, a new part of government that's going to cost over \$3, \$4 million. The citizens voted it in, and they're getting nothing, they're getting nothing for their money. They still have to go to Lincoln, from Falls City, from Blair, from North Platte, from Chadron, from everywhere